

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

<b>TOPIC:</b>	Proposed Revisions to Regulation 7-32.1	<b>ITEM NO:</b>	10E
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Jean S. Murray, Superintendent	<b>MEETING:</b>	May 25, 2004
	Daryl A. Nelson, Executive Director of Administrative & Legal Services	<b>ACTION DATE:</b>	N/A

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### ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

That the School Board receive for information proposed revisions to Regulation 7-32.1, Conduct on School Buses and at School Bus Stops.

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### KEY POINTS:

The committee of administrators that reviewed the Student Code of Conduct also reviewed Regulation 7-32.1, Conduct on School Buses and at School Bus Stops.

The committee proposes that Rule 11 be expanded to specifically prohibit consumption of food and beverages on school buses. These items are often spilled causing cleaning issues for the drivers. Additionally, safety of students may be jeopardized.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:** (Goal 7) Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:** Bylaw 1-33, Formulation and Approval of Regulations

R7-32.1

STUDENTS  
CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES AND AT SCHOOL BUS STOPS

Safe and efficient transportation of the student population is facilitated by proper student behavior. When on the bus or at the bus stop students are to adhere both to the rules set forth below and to the requirements of the Code of Conduct which are stated in Regulation 7-32.

1. Students are subject to the general supervision and authority of the bus driver and are to follow all verbal directions and comply with all rules and regulations. A driver shall report any incident of misconduct to the principal. A student may be suspended or expelled from the bus and/or from school for improper behavior. In the event that a student is suspended from the bus, the suspension shall extend to all pupil transportation services including that for activities and/or field trips. The procedures set forth in Policy 7-19 and Regulation 7-19 shall govern disciplinary actions including the appeal of any suspension.

2. Students are to ride only that bus and on that bus route to which they are assigned. Likewise, students are to load and unload only at their established stop or in an area designated by the driver. In the morning, students are to report to their bus stop and be ready to board the bus at least five minutes in advance, but not more than ten minutes in advance, of the scheduled time of arrival of the bus. Students are to be orderly while at the bus stop and are not to trespass on the property of landowners adjacent to the bus stop.

Upon written request of the parent, or legal guardian, which request is approved by the principal, a temporary change may be made in a student's established transportation routine. In such circumstance the principal shall deliver written notice to the driver concerning the change. A student shall not be permitted to board any bus, other than that to which he is assigned, without the principal's written authorization, nor shall he be permitted to disembark at any stop other than his established stop without such authorization.

3. Students are to exercise caution at all times and are to be particularly alert as to traffic conditions. When walking to the bus stop students are to use a sidewalk if available. If there is no sidewalk, students are to walk on the shoulder of the left side of the road facing oncoming traffic.

4. Students are not to board any bus unless the driver is physically present on the bus.

5. In boarding the bus, students are to wait until the bus is completely stopped and the mechanical crossing gate is fully extended. Students who must cross the road to board the bus are especially cautioned to wait until the crossing gate is fully extended and then to cross the road only if traffic is stopped and conditions are safe.

6. Upon boarding the bus, students are to promptly be seated in their assigned seats. Books, bookbags, etc. should be placed on the floor of the bus in front of the seat.

7. Bottles, animals, large objects, including certain musical instruments, unlawful items, and any items which are not permitted in school, are not permitted on the bus.

8. Students are to remain in their seats at all times. Absolutely no roaming or moving about the bus is permitted. Only after the bus has come to a complete halt at a designated bus stop should students get up from their seats to disembark.

9. Students are not to distract the bus driver and may not speak to the driver while the bus is in motion unless essential to safety. Standing in the stairwell of the bus is not permitted, nor is any boisterous activity or vulgar speech. Absolutely no object is to be thrown in, into, or out of the bus.

10. Smoking and possession of any tobacco product by any student while on the bus or at the bus stop is prohibited.

11. Students are responsible for keeping the bus neat and clean. Consumption of any food item or beverage is prohibited. The student, parent, and legal guardian, shall be financially responsible for any and all damage done to the bus which is attributable to a student's careless or malicious acts.

12. Upon unloading from the bus, students should exercise extreme caution and be alert to traffic conditions. Students who must cross the road at the bus stop are to do so approximately 15 feet in front of the bus, in view of the driver, and only when the mechanical crossing gate is fully extended.

13. A student, or his parent, or guardian, should report to the driver any concerns or problems related to the bus. In the event the concern or problem is not addressed or resolved to the satisfaction of the student or parent it may be reported to the principal. Under no circumstance, however, may any parent, guardian, or non-student, board any bus without prior written authorization of the Director of Pupil Transportation. Boarding a bus without such authorization shall be considered trespass.

Approved by Division Superintendent: March 24, 1987

Revised by Division Superintendent: March 10, 1992

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Revised by Division Superintendent: May 14, 2002

Revised by Division Superintendent: